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SUBJECT: US-FRENCH PLANNING TALKS

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
S/P DIRECTOR WINSTON LORD TO CAP DIRECTOR THIERRY DE
MONTBRIAL:

QUOTE: REGRET VERY MUCH THAT AN IMPORTANT MEETING IN
HAWAII OF ALL OUR AMBASSADORS IN ASIA HAS NOW BEEN
SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 19-21, I.E. THE TIME WE HAD
AGREED UPON FOR NEXT ROUND OF US-FRENCH PLANNING TALKS.
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT I BE AT THE HAWAII MEETING IN LIGHT OF
MY ROLE ON CHINA, JAPAN AND ASIA GENERALLY. I ALSO HAVE
OTHER COMMITMENTS IN WEEK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AND
LONG-PLANNED US-JAPAN PLANNING TALKS FEBRUARY 7-9. THERE-
FORE SUGGEST FEBRUARY 2-4 OR ANY THREE DAY PERIOD DURING
THE WEEKS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16 OR 23. I COULD ALSO TRY
TO MOVE OUR TALKS UP TO JANUARY 14-16. PLEASE LET ME KNOW
YOUR PREFERENCE. I'M SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

2. QUOTE: IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MOST USEFUL TO SETTLE
ON AN AGENDA NEARER TO THE TIME WE DECIDE TO MEET. I
WOULD, OF COURSE, BE INTERESTED IN YOUR PRELIMINARY THINK-
ING ON THIS AND ANY IDEAS YOU HAVE. FOR OUR PART WE WOULD
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SUGGEST THE QUESTION OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN PRESENCE
AND COOPERATION IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. WE MIGHT
ALSO RETURN TO THE ISSUES OF EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION AND
TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS, EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AND
NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS. WE WILL OF COURSE BE FIRING UP
AND SPECIFYING OUR OWN IDEAS FURTHER.

3. QUOTE: BEST REGARDS. WINSTON LORD. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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